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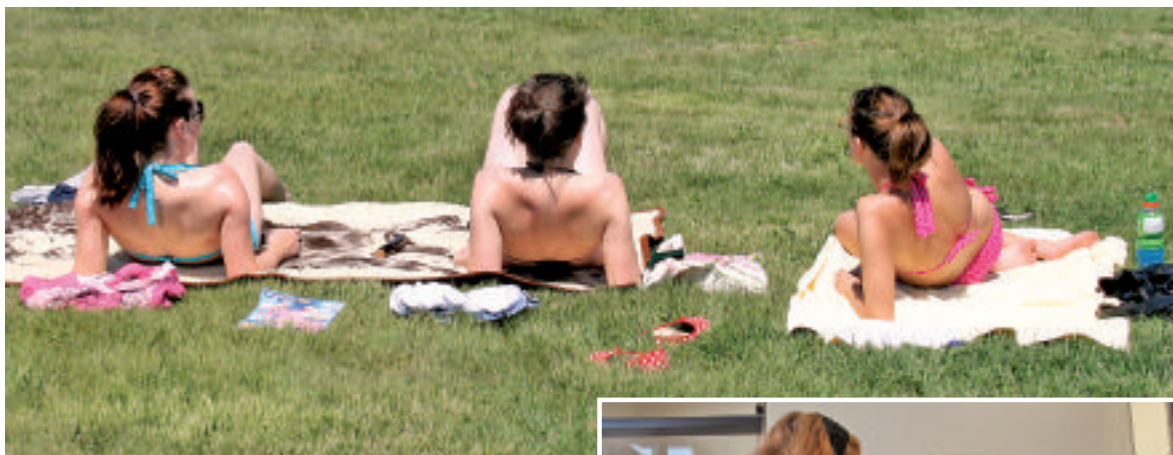


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Government employees may get perk in bid to save power



Wouldn't you rather be doing this...

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Most Nova Scotians will be enjoying three days off this weekend, but imagine three days off every weekend?

The Department of Energy is actually looking into the idea as an energy-conservation measure. Minister Richard Hurlburt said yesterday he wants to analyze the cost benefits of allowing government employees to work Monday to Thursday.

"I mentioned it to my staff last week; it's just something to look at because we're looking at numerous other programs to meet our targets," he said.

And some regions south of the border are already doing it.

Gov. John Huntsman of Utah has approved a plan that will see

17,000 government employees working 10-hour days Monday to Thursday instead of eight-hour days Monday to Friday.

His office says this will cut the state's energy costs by about \$3 million a year since government buildings will be closed for an extra day each week.

Art Irwin, a well-known energy-conservation consultant in Halifax said he thinks this scheme could work in Nova Scotia.

"In the summer of course, there's the air conditioning load, in wintertime you would also save because you could drop your temperature back, maybe 6-8 degrees," he said.

And it might even help save employee energy, he said.

"People might even work a bit harder because they know they're going to get the next day



...than working on a Friday?

off," Irwin said with a chuckle. Cheryl Ratchford, energy coordinator with the Ecology Action Centre, said employees there have started thinking about taking Fridays off in hopes of conserving energy.

"It's something that we'd consider here," she said.

They've discussed doing teleconferencing and e-mailing from

home on Fridays to avoid using extra energy at the centre.

Hurlburt said the province has very aggressive energy conservation targets to meet and they're looking at anything and everything that might help them get there.

Including Fridays off.

"We'll do an analysis of the benefits versus the cons," he said.

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If your regular garbage or compost day is Monday, you'll need to put the bags out tomorrow night. The city will collect garbage, organics and recyclables Saturday, Aug. 2 instead of the holiday, Monday, Aug. 4. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Trails get funding boost

The province is spending \$340,000 on new trails for Kings and Annapolis counties. The money will help volunteer associations finish building hiking trails along former rail lines. The money comes from a \$50-million, 10-year fund designed to help people get fit. **METRO HALIFAX**

Bus security hiked after sex assault

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Security cameras will soon be installed on city buses following the sexual assault of a transit driver early yesterday morning.

HRM will put out a request for proposals for the cameras sometime in the next couple of weeks, said Metro Transit spokeswoman Lori Patterson.

She said the cameras will be installed by early fall at the latest as a result of yesterday's assault.

"We've had an increase in the number of assaults over the past few years," she said.

A female bus driver on Route No. 20, Herring Cove Road, called police just after midnight yesterday saying a man, the only passenger on the bus at the time, threat-

ened and groped her.

The suspect, who is described as a white man in his 50s, started chatting with the driver and then proceeded to assault her.

She let him off at the next stop and called police, who arrived within a couple of minutes. A K-9 unit searched the area but did not find the suspect.

Theresa Rath with the Halifax Regional Police said the incident is disturbing.

"This is very disconcerting because it's an alleged sexual assault," she said.

Police were still looking for the suspect in yesterday's incident.

Dan MacDonald, president of Local 508 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, said the driver wasn't hurt but is quite upset.

"She's very, very shook up; very, very distraught," he said.

MacDonald met with the city's Transportation and Public Works Department yesterday and insisted the installment of security cameras be pushed ahead after hearing about the assault. He said after 10 or 11 bus-

driver assaults in metro over the past year, it's time to take driver security more seriously.

Yesterday's assault follows a slew of assaults on bus drivers over the past year, one of which sent a driver to hospital after a group of men trying to steal transfers attacked him.

The city put aside about \$250,000 in this year's budget for security cameras.

"We've had an increase in the number of assaults."

Lori Patterson



Metro Transit is looking into getting security cameras installed on public buses as early as this fall after a female bus driver was sexually assaulted early yesterday morning.

Farmland needs better protection, according to GPI Atlantic report

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Nova Scotia needs to protect its farmland, according to a new report.

GPI Atlantic, a Halifax-based research firm, says Nova Scotia can feed itself if precautions are taken. And in the face of high food and fuel prices, it's now more important than ever to be able to cultivate home-grown food, wrote Jennifer Scott, the report's author.

"These circumstances give new importance to the issue of land capacity ... since an emerging question is whether Nova Scotia could feed itself in the event of an emergency."

Farmers would need more than 490,000 more hectares to feed everyone in the province. She said we have double that in potential farmland available in Nova Scotia.

It puts the province in a unique position, since other provinces are experiencing agricultural land shortages, Scott said.

The problem is that some farmland, especially in the Annapolis Valley, is becoming so valuable it's worth more for farmers to sell it to developers.



Farm labourers work in a Broccoli field in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley in this file photo.

"The scarcity of farm land in Kings County, along with the high cost of land and competition with housing and commercial developments, generally means that farmers have to crop more intensively and make every acre pay," she wrote.

This technique discourages soil-building farming techniques.

"There may be heavy prices to pay for the intensive use of land."

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Natal Day flapjacks at Spryfield Lions Rink

Looking for some holiday flapjacks? Spryfield-Herring Cove Coun. Steve Adams, along with the Spryfield Lions Club, will host a pancake breakfast on Natal Day Monday, at 8 a.m. at the Spryfield Lions Rink.

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226 nursing seats announced

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The Health Minister says training 226 more nurses next year will go a long way to address the looming nursing shortage.

"We increase the odds of retaining these nurses if they can get their education at home," Chris d'Entremont said yesterday.

As previously announced in this year's budget, the province allocated \$3.4 million to fund 46 Bachelor of Nursing seats in universities and 180 practical nursing seats in community college.

About 40 seats in metro were announced yesterday: 25 at Dalhousie University's school of nursing and 15 at Nova Scotia Community College's waterfront campus.

The province is also providing Dal and Cape Breton University with \$350,000 towards the expansion. Janet Hazelton, president of the Nova Scotia Nurses Union, says more seats are encouraging, but don't come close to easing the shortage or the burden on nurses right now.

"The soonest we will even get to reap the benefits of this is a couple of years and four years for

Who's getting what

- Dalhousie University — 25 seats in Halifax, five at Yarmouth campus
- Cape Breton University — 16
- Nova Scotia Community College — 15 seats at the Waterfront Campus in Dartmouth and Marconi Campus in Sydney. Thirty seats each in Truro, Cumberland in Springhill, Kingstec in Kentville, Burridge in Yarmouth, and Pictou in Stellarton.

registered nurses, but at least it indicates that there is a serious effort now to address this issue," Hazelton said.

The minister says an additional 500 nurses are needed by 2010. Hazelton said the number of nurses needed is more like 1,000.

Hazelton says one issue is fewer hoops for nurses to jump through in other jurisdictions.

"They can go online on a Saturday to any hospital in Alberta and get hired Saturday, where in our system it takes weeks and they have to go through interviews and drive from Antigonish to Yarmouth," Hazelton said. "The nurses are telling me 'I'm not doing that. I don't have to and I'm not going to.'"



Nancy Luedee graduated in June from Nova Scotia Community College's practical nursing program. She juggles two casual positions at the Halifax Infirmary and Glades Lodge nursing home, but is hopeful she will get a full-time, permanent job soon.

Dal dean pleased with investment

• Dalhousie University will enroll 25 more nurses in its Halifax-based program starting this September, the province announced yesterday.

Admissions will increase from 135 to 160 — a nearly 19 per cent increase in first-

year undergraduate enrolment on the Halifax campus. An additional five seats were also announced for Dal's Yarmouth campus, as well as 180 practical nursing seats throughout the province.

William Webster, Dal's

dean of the faculty of health professions, said he's pleased.

He said the announcement means more classroom space, instructors and equipment will be required for September.

The province chipped in

\$350,000 to Dal and Cape Breton University to cover extra costs.

"It will be challenging, but we are confident that with the support of our partners we'll be able to do it," Webster said.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

Deep-sea tour Star light, star bright



Janelle Grandbois, 11, of Sudbury, Ont., and fishing guide Gillian Annable study a live starfish they found on a deep-sea fishing tour of the harbour yesterday afternoon.

Lawyer faces theft charges of \$1.3M

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A once highly-regarded Halifax lawyer is now facing charges of stealing \$1.3 million from clients.

Srinivasen Pillay, a lawyer for 23 years who was disbarred in May 2005, was charged earlier this month with 105 criminal charges, including theft over \$5,000, fraud over \$5,000, and breach of trust. The charges stem from incidents between May 2000 and February 2005, and involve 35 clients.

Pillay's disbarment hearing heard that he used the misappropriated money to

fuel a gambling problem. In 2005, he was over \$400,000 in debt.

Pillay, who now teaches English in South Korea, was once chair of the provincial judicial appointments committee. He was appointed a Queens Counsel in 1998, a designation based in part on professional integrity and contributions to the practice of law.

Pillay appeared in court Tuesday. He was released on a \$50,000 surety — his mother's home — and ordered to reappear for an arraignment hearing Aug. 28.

He originally faced criminal charges in December 2006, but those counts were withdrawn.

Equal autism care sought

CANADA HEALTH ACT Autism care should be the same across the country, said Nova Scotia's opposition leader yesterday. Darrell Dexter and Sackville-Eastern Shore MP Peter Stoffer responded to the departure of two doctors

from Nova Scotia because they couldn't get adequate care for their autistic son. Stoffer and Dexter want the Autism Spectrum Disorder to be put under the Canada Health Act so care is universal. JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Transportation ideas roll along

Citizens for Halifax hear from three speakers on changes needed in HRM

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Something needs to be done about transportation in the HRM.

That much was obvious at a Citizens for Halifax meeting last night. Before members broke off into small groups to talk transportation, three speakers gave them some ideas to think about.

Laena Garrison with the Ecology Action Centre advocated making more use out of transit, biking and walking. She said 65 per cent of people here drive to get around.

"There needs to be more options so that only 50 per cent need to take a car," she said.

Plus, she'd like to see a provincial transit website so people could figure out how to get from Halifax to Truro, for example, by carpooling and bus. Incentives like pay-as-you-go car insurance would also encourage people to drive less.



Rush hour traffic on the Bedford Highway. Citizens for Halifax held a forum last night to discuss the city's transportation woes.

Brian Flemming, a former chair of the Canada Transportation Act Panel, said they can talk all they like about alternative

transportation, but the fact is road traffic has grown exponentially.

"We have to face up to the road issue sooner or

later," he said.

Flemming suggested establishing a transportation authority which would find new ways of paying

for roads, such as paying per use. This agency, he said, could also compare the cost of traffic solutions such as widening the Bed-

"We have to face up to the road issue sooner or later."

Brian Flemming

ford Highway versus a fast ferry or a light-rail transit.

Frank Palermo, a professor of planning at Dalhousie University, said it's a lack of imagination that keeps the city from fixing the transportation problem.

"I'm sick of hearing the 'can't-dos' in this community and all the reasons why we can't do it here."

His ideas included making transit so desirable that cars become a second choice.

Marking off bus lanes on most streets would make transit faster and slow up the driving lanes, he suggested.

But it's meetings like the one last night — and not city transportation experts — which will change things for the better, Palermo said.

Requests for arson committee flare up again

SYDNEY A rash of suspicious fires throughout the Cape Breton Regional Municipality in recent months has prompted calls for the return of an arson committee.

The committee was originally developed to look into a growing arson problem within the CBRM, but fizzled out before it really began.

"It was a committee that had a lot of great potential and had a lot of great participants on it," said

recent fire

Cape Breton Regional Police and firefighters from the Glace Bay Fire Department responded to the alarm late Monday evening. The house was vacant at the time of the fire and there were no injuries. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Clarence Prince, councillor for District 15.

"From what I understand, they had one great meeting and they were going to follow up on it and whatever the hell happened, I don't know."

Prince said the committee, formed close to two

years ago, had many knowledgeable people, including representatives from council, fire and police services.

"At that time there was a lot of fear and concern about a rash of arson fires which were occurring in the CBRM and investiga-

tors, be they fire or police or members from the Nova Scotia Fire Marshals Department, they all got together and said there is a lot of stuff going on here," said Prince.

"I don't think there should have been a lull in that committee."

The most recent suspicious fire took place Monday in Glace Bay where officials say a fire caused extensive damage to a house on Dorchester Street.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Boaters staying docked with fuel costs on the rise

NORTH SHORE People driving along the North Shore may see the same number of power boats bobbing around in the bay, but what isn't obvious is they aren't going far.

Bill

Church, owner of the Sunrise Shore Marina in Barrachois, said boat

traffic in the area is about the same as any other year but the high cost of fuel is keeping power boaters closer to home. Fuel sales have

dropped between 30 and 40 per cent from last season.

"The traffic is about the same but they may not be travelling as far when they go out," said Church.

Tatamagouche resident Paul Colburn has been cruising in his 30-foot Sunrunner powerboat in the Northumberland Strait for the past four years and said the high cost of fuel has an effect on all vehicles. **THE TRURO DAILY NEWS**

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Colburn said it costs about \$600 to fill the fuel tank and the best way to both enjoy his "floating cottage" and conserve fuel is to cruise at a leisurely speed.

News in brief

RICHMOND The MLA for Richmond is asking whether funding agencies did enough to protect their investments in a wallboard plant that filed for bankruptcy last week. Michel Samson, whose riding includes Point Tupper where the Federal Gypsum plant is located, said the company's executive vice-president made it clear its primary problem was moving its product.

COFFEE CUPS Municipality of Digby councillor Jimmy MacAlpine is calling for a program to make coffee cups, such as those from Tim Hortons, returnable for a refund. A 2004 litter survey found that the cups accounted for 22 per cent of city waste.

NEW STORE This fall, The Brick will open a new furniture store to fill the space left empty when Berry's Furniture Plus closed on Fort Lawrence Road in Amherst. Brian Purchase, one of the new store's co-owners, said there were issues with the power needed to run the store and it took time resolve them.

CLOSURES A new office building being built by Harbour Royale Developments on the former Vogue Theatre site will force the closure of a portion of Charlotte Street from Wentworth to Falmouth streets for up to six weeks, the street closure is necessary due to the instability of the soil that was under the Vogue. **METRO HALIFAX**

Cops stumble on grow op

HEALTH Colchester RCMP found more than they bargained for Sunday morning after responding to a routine call in the Upper Brookfield area.

A total of 122 marijuana plants were seized from the home after the plants were discovered in plain view behind the home and on its deck.

"This is a nice seizure," said Cpl. Jim Baird.

The officers who found the plants had originally been called to the home for a domestic disturbance.

Charges have yet to be

laid in the seizure. However, the plants were taken by the RCMP to prevent their destruction as evidence. The investigation is still on going.

One person was taken into custody in relation to the domestic disturbance but has since been released.

To have something like this happen is unusual but not uncommon, said Baird. Accidentally finding a drug operation has happened a few times in his term with the Colchester RCMP.

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Economy over environment

Forty-five percent of Canadians said economic growth was most important while 44 per cent chose the environment, in a new poll about quality of life.

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Canada



Border ID cards

New high-tech identification cards to help Saskatchewan people cross the United States border will be introduced next year, the provincial government says. Special driver's licences that can be used instead of passports at land border crossings will be introduced by June.

Canada getting new helicopters

NATO called on for more help

Canada is leasing up to eight Russian-built choppers to fly troops around southern Afghanistan and protect them from the threat of roadside bombs and ambushes, Defence Minister Peter MacKay says.



"We're doing our bit. We're doing enough."

Peter MacKay

MacKay described the move yesterday as a stop-gap measure until Canada can take delivery of American-built Chinook transport choppers.

As well, Canada is also leasing unmanned aerial vehicles used for reconnaissance over the Afghan battlefield until it gets possession of the drones it wants to purchase. He noted that Canada isn't going to add more troops.

MacKay also demanded that other NATO nations step up with contributions of troops and equipment in southern Afghanistan, which he called a "flash-point."

"We're doing our bit. We're doing enough," MacKay said.

Canada will increase its troop levels by 200 with the increase in new equipment.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quebec City Tory retreat



Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks off his airplane with his son Ben and his daughter Rachel as he arrives in Quebec City to attend the Conservative Party National Caucus Retreat at the convention centre in Levis yesterday.

B.C. bus escapes landslide

OLYMPICS A small tour bus narrowly missed being crushed in a massive landslide that buried a highway that is scheduled to play a key role in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Officials warned yesterday it could take at least five days to remove the tons of debris that fell on the highway south of the town of Squamish, British

800 The highway is undergoing an upgrade costing nearly \$800 million but officials said the slide won't effect the upgrade.

Columbia. No other injuries were reported in the slide,

REUTERS

News in brief

POLITICS Ottawa's push for longer jail terms will not result in overcrowded prisons or ballooning corrections costs, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day says. Day said yesterday he's confident Canada can implement new mandatory jail terms for serious crimes and still avoid the U.S. example of having those new sentences cause a dramatic increase in the prison population in Canada.

SEAL HARVEST BAN A call by Nova Scotia's fisheries minister for an expansion of the province's annual grey seal hunt is being considered by federal Fisheries Minister Loyola Hearn. Ron Chisholm encouraged Ottawa last week to press the European Parliament to reject a proposed ban on seal products and added he was pressing to expand the harvest.

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World/Business

Olmert set to step down as Israeli PM

Surprise announcement doesn't change peace goal: U.S.

Middle East peacemaking was in turmoil yesterday after Ehud Olmert, dogged by corruption probes, said he would resign as prime minister after his party picks a new leader in September.

Israeli politicians and analysts said Olmert's surprise announcement could force an early national election which opinion polls show could be won by rightist leader, Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I have decided I won't run in the Kadima move-

9 wounded in West Bank violence

Israeli troops wounded nine Palestinians in the occupied West Bank yesterday in a clash with stone-throwing protesters at the funeral of a 10-year-old boy killed a day earlier, Pal-

estinian medics said. They said the Israelis had shot the protesters with rubber bullets. A 21-year-old Palestinian was hit in the head and doctors described him as brain dead.

ment primaries, nor do I intend to intervene in the elections," Olmert said, referring to his ruling centrist party, from his official residence in Jerusalem.

"When a new (Kadima

party) chairman is chosen, I will resign as prime minister to permit them to put together a new government swiftly and effectively," Olmert said.

Olmert, who could stay on as a caretaker prime

minister for months while a successor struggles to cobble together a new coalition, vowed not to "ease up" on peacemaking "for as long as I remain in office."

The White House said its goal of getting Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to reach a peace deal this year was unchanged. Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the negotiations would continue despite Olmert's announcement.

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Business

Canada on track for surplus: Flaherty

ECONOMY Although Canada is still on track to record a budget surplus this year, the government has no plans for big spending projects or major tax cuts in the near future, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

Canada posted a budget deficit of \$517 million for April and May as corporate and sales tax collection fell sharply. Ottawa has estimated a surplus in 2008-09 of \$2.3 billion, down from the expected surplus of \$10.2 billion for 2007-08.

"This is a time of economic slowdown," Flaherty told reporters. "I'm satisfied and I'm confident that we're on track in terms of



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

our revenues and expenses over the year but this is not a year for big new spending projects or big new tax reductions."

Canada recorded 11 budget surpluses in a row and a deficit would be damaging politically. **REUTERS**

Internet TV grows in popularity

AMERICA A fifth of U.S. television viewers are putting down their remote controls and clicking on a mouse instead to watch primetime programs online — particularly professional women, according to a new survey.

It showed that 50 percent of people viewing TV on the Web are watching programs as they become available and "appear to be beginning to use the computer as a substitute for the television set," Integrated Media Measurement Inc. (IMMI), which conducted the poll, said.

The other half are using the Internet to watch programs they have missed, or to re-watch segments or episodes they have already seen.

Karadzic's family allowed to travel

TRIBUNAL Bosnia's top peace envoy Miroslav Lajcak lifted a travel ban for the family of Bosnian Serb former leader Radovan Karadzic, who was extradited to The Hague war crimes tribunal yesterday after 11 years on the run.

The travel documents of Karadzic's wife, son, daughter and son-in-law were seized in January as part of an effort to shut Karadzic's support network. **REUTERS**

New York Luggage bug delays flights



Customers wait in line after a computer glitch crippled the baggage handling system at the American Airlines Terminal 8 at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport yesterday. AMR Corp's American Airlines said about 35 flights have been delayed from the airport after the software that controls the baggage sorting conveyor belt malfunctioned.

News in brief

HAITI Dozens of ex-soldiers emerged from a former military headquarters in northern Haiti yesterday in a peaceful end to a 24-hour standoff with police and UN peacekeepers, officials said. The former soldiers seized one-time army buildings in Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second largest city, Tuesday to demand the reinstatement of the disbanded army and 14 years of back pay.

CONTEMPT A U.S. congressional panel voted yesterday to find former presidential adviser Karl Rove in contempt for defying a subpoena to testify in its probe into suspected political meddling at the Justice Department. On a vote of 20-14, the House Judiciary Committee approved a citation against President Bush's former deputy chief of staff.

TURKEY Turkey's highest court yesterday rejected an attempt to shut down the governing AK Party, but imposed financial penalties on it for anti-secular activities, the court's chief judge said. The verdict ended months of political uncertainty which has hit Turkey's financial markets over fears the democratically elected party would be closed.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

SolutionInc revenues up:

Halifax's SolutionInc Technologies Limited's revenues increased by 38 per cent or \$1,205,631 to \$4,384,406 in 2008. Cash generated from operations improved by \$872,050 from a loss of \$498,620 in 2007 to a \$373,430 profit. SolutionInc also repaid almost \$260,000 of its long-term debt.

Maritime co-founder dead:

Jim Smith, one of the co-founders of Maritime Travel, died on Monday after a nearly year-long battle with a rare form of cancer. Smith, 62, had a 40-year career in the travel industry. From 1968 to 1978 he worked as a travel agent for Air Canada before co-founding Maritime Travel. Under his leadership,

in part, the business grew from a three-office agency to a chain of 81 offices across Canada.

Care operators sound alert:

Cape Breton's continuing care sector is going to get much busier over the coming years as the region braces itself for an aging population. Private-for-profit care home operators in the province say that unless the government is willing to subsidize client costs, they will not be setting up shop on the Island anytime in the near future. "Like any business, it is a question of the bottom line," says Jason Shannon, vice-president and chief operating officer of Shannex.

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Politics

International Olympic Committee officials cut a deal to let China block websites, a senior IOC official admitted yesterday. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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FIFA orders clubs to release players

SOCCER World soccer's governing body FIFA has told clubs they must release any players aged under 23 selected for the Olympics after rejecting a protest by three European teams.

"It would not be justifiable to prevent any player younger than 23 from participating in such an event," a statement says.

Sports in brief

DOPING China has stood by the life ban imposed on swimmer Ouyang Kunpeng for doping, saying athletes must take responsibility for the food and medicine they consume.

POLLUTION China is mulling emergency plans to keep Olympic skies clear and may push more cars off the road in Beijing and nearby cities if wind or rain do not disperse smog build-ups, government advisers said yesterday.

REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

SAY WHAT? What many Chinese consider idle chit-chat has now become the latest area of censure in Beijing as it prepares for an influx of Olympic visitors. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

7 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Funding flawed

Criteria too general, athlete Riker-Fox says

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When Joshua Riker-Fox got the news he would be representing Canada at the Olympic Games in Beijing, he was too busy scrambling to survive to celebrate.

"I've been relying on money from fundraising events in my hometown and private donations for the last six years," the world-ranked modern pentathlete says, adding there is a glaring difference in funding between winter and summer Olympic sports.

In order for an athlete to receive federal government funding, or carding from Sport Canada, there is an analysis of "the technical needs of the sport, as measured by the number of athletes required to field a team," and the "results of the Olympics ... and World Championships in the last

four-year period."

Riker-Fox contends the criteria in place are too general and the funding process for athletes needs to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

"There is a major flaw in the formula used to analyze carding," he said. "They have two different tools: They look at historical performance at the Olympics, but — especially in the case of the modern pentathlon — there isn't enough data for analysis. There were no women in this field before 2000 at the Olympics, and Canadian men haven't qualified since 1992."

And, because the modern pentathlon involves highly specialized skills, Riker-Fox says participation in the sport is lower than others, which he says makes a numerical analysis of participants unfair.

"They look at our sport and say, 'Josh, we can't give you any money because there isn't historical representation.' But I've made contributions; I've medalled at the Pan Am Games," he said. "This is all motivated by government bureaucracy," and, he says, is not an effective

"Is there an imbalance? Yes. Is it being corrected? Yes."

Steve Keogh

way to show summer sport athletes that the federal government supports their endeavours.

Riker-Fox also says the Canadian Olympic Committee has been concentrating on its own mandate to the detriment of summer sport athletes. The COC is responsible for the Own The Podium program, which is concentrating on funding athletes who will participate in the 2010 Winter Games.

"Is there an imbalance? Yes. It is being corrected? Yes," Steve Keogh, director of communications for the COC, said about the differences in funding between the Road To Excellence Program, which funds summer sports athletes, and the Own The Podium Program.

In response to the assertion that the Road To Excellence Program has seen less federal funding, Alex Baumann, executive director of that program, con-



Modern pentathlete Joshua Riker-Fox is competing on Aug. 21.

ceded that "that certainly has been the case in the past," although the government has agreed to supply the program with \$8 million this year and \$16 million next year, as well as an annual influx of \$24 million in perpetuity.

Another way the COC says it is rectifying any financial disparity is the new Athletes Excellence Fund, which Keogh says could benefit all athletes and is based solely on individual performance. Through this fund, medal winners will be able earn \$20,000 for a

gold medal, \$15,000 for a silver and \$10,000 for a bronze.

"We hope to pay out a lot of money," said Keogh. While Riker-Fox has every intention of medalling during his event on Aug. 21, he says the continuing battle for funding has left lingering doubts about the entire Olympic funding process.

"We have been disregarded by them for so long," he said. "They don't understand what it means to put on a Canadian jersey and represent your country."

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Anderson falls in quarters

Phil Anderson bowed out in the singles quarter-finals at the Canadian 18-and-under tennis championships yesterday in St-Bruno-de-Montarville, Que. Anderson lost 6-4, 6-0 to Ontario's Kelsey Stevenson, but did advance to the doubles semifinals. **METRO HALIFAX**

Bruins announce 5-day camp

Free practices added to previously scheduled exhibition games

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Don't have \$160 to drop on tickets for a pair of NHL exhibition games? The Boston Bruins have decided to give Halifax hockey fans a taste of the NHL — for free.

As reported in Metro yesterday, the Bruins officially announced they will host five days of their training camp at the Metro Centre and Cole Harbour Place in September.

Daily practices are open to the public and free to attend.

"Not everybody has an opportunity to go to the games," said Bruins head coach Claude Julien, who attended a press conference yesterday in Halifax to unveil the news.

"It's a great opportunity (for fans) to be able to get close to a player and maybe get an autograph and a picture. We're going to make ourselves as accessible as possible."

The Bruins were already scheduled to play exhibitions at the Metro Centre against the Montreal Cana-



Boston Bruins head coach Claude Julien speaks at a press conference in Halifax on Wednesday. The Bruins will be holding part of their training camp in Halifax this year and will be playing two NHL exhibition games at the Metro Centre in September.

diens on Sept. 22 and the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings on Sept. 25.

The contest against Montreal kicks off their time in the city. They'll practice on Sept. 23 and 24 at Cole Harbour Place and

on Sept. 25 at the Metro Centre before playing the Red Wings that night. They finish up on Sept. 26 at Cole Harbour Place.

Julien said the practice sessions are gruelling and will show fans "what we do to prepare for the sea-

son."

Julien, who played for the American Hockey League's Halifax Citadels in 1988-89 and 1989-90, called Halifax a "hockey city" and "the perfect area" to hold his camp.

"I was here for a few

years, and I know the city well," he said. "We have access to everything we need to make this training camp successful. I know for a fact there are a lot of Bruins fans here so it's important for us to give back."

He also called the Bruins-Habs matchup a "Game 8," as it will be the first time his team has played since bowing out to Montreal in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup playoffs in April.

"It's an opportunity to get a little bit of revenge," he quipped.

Harold MacKay, president of Power Promotional Concepts, said the Bruins' announcement could be the first step toward one day having a full training camp in Halifax.

"If Boston has a good experience here, we hope they'll go back and think about what we said about wanting to make this a long-term thing, rather than a short-term thing," he said.

Game tickets are still available. The cost is \$160 for a two-game package and \$120 for the back of the upper bowl.

Bruins ready for new Nova Scotian talent

NHL The Bluenose blood may continue to pump for the Boston Bruins, even after the departure of Bridgewater's Glen Murray.

The Bruins, who begrudgingly bought out Murray's contract last weekend, are eager to get a look at Hammonds Plains natives Andrew Bodnarchuk and Brad Marchand when they host a portion of their training camp in Halifax.

The ex-Mooseheads were drafted in 2006 and are entering their rookie seasons in the pro ranks.

"Bodnarchuk is a very mobile defenceman who moves the puck well," Julien said. "He's a young player who will definitely get a chance to showcase himself with our team."

Marchand, who ended last season in Halifax as a healthy scratch, bounced back at an early-July development camp.

"As long as he focuses on (hockey), he's a pretty good agitator and he doesn't back down from anything," Julien said. "Hopefully he's learned from (his mistakes), and what he showed us was that he's a better person and a better player for it."

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX

Nova Scotia fifth in golf tourney

GOLF Nova Scotia finished fifth in the inter-provincial team competition at the Royale Cup Canadian women's amateur golf championship yesterday in Winnipeg. Ken-Wo's Laura Harris led the way with a 4-over 76 for a two-round total of 155, good for a share of 42nd overall. Meteghan River's Mireille LeBlanc (76-156), Penn Hills' Irene Jung (76-157) and Digby's Anne Balser (80-166) round out Nova Scotia's results.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX

X marks Morrison's road to NHL; forward to play at St. F.X.

HOCKEY If Brett Morrison lands an NHL contract, he will likely do it by playing for the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

The Howie Centre native and high-scoring Quebec Major Junior Hockey League star committed yesterday to play for the X-Men next season. The Anaheim Ducks, who drafted Morrison 151st overall in 2007, have until June 1, 2009, to sign him, meaning his stay at the Antigonish school could be short.

"That's something we're all aware of," X-Men head coach Brad Peddle said. "He very easily could use this as a stepping stone to a professional opportunity after a year."

Morrison, 21, will attend training camp with the Ducks this fall, but will return to St. F.X. if he remains unsigned. He finished last season with the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies and totaled 91 points in 65 games, ninth in the Q.

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Food

"Look for firm and blemish free (no eyes) potatoes. A green tinge caused by prolonged light exposure indicates the presence of solanine, which can be toxic if eaten in quantity."

-Barb Holland/for Metro Canada



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À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

Versatile, inexpensive and nutritious, the ever so humble potato is finally getting its 15 minutes of fame. The United Nations General Assembly has named 2008 the International Year of the Potato in recognition of the tuber's 5,000 years on the planet and the fact that it can grow in poor soil and keep many hungry people alive. Considered the most important vegetable crop in the world and the most important food crop after rice, wheat and corn, the potato has played a significant role in history. Fast forward to the new millennium and with names like Klondike Rose, Snow Bird, Majesty Purple, Mountain Rose, Sierra Gold, Banana and Russian Blue, potatoes are the darlings of the chef set. While grocery stores tend to market potatoes by colour or by cooking method, you'll find novelty spuds such as fingerlings, mini potatoes, red skinned yellow-fleshed potatoes and blue potatoes in local farmers' market and specialty greengrocers. The season for many of these potatoes is rather short, so

Celebrating the spud



The United Nations General Assembly has named 2008 the International Year of the Potato.

enjoy these specialties while you can.

Creamy Potato and Dill Salad

If time permits, make salad the day before as flavour improves overnight. The buttermilk provides a tangy flavour and a creamy consistency. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lb (1 kg) small red or white potatoes, unpeeled
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white wine vinegar
- Dressing:
 - 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
 - 1 small clove garlic, minced
 - 2 tbsp (30 mL) light mayonnaise
 - 1/2 cup (125 mL) buttermilk or plain low fat yogurt

- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh dill

METHOD:

Scrub potatoes and cover with cold water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender but not soft, about 15 minutes. Drain in colander until cool enough to

handle.

Cut in halves or quarters, depending on size. Place in large bowl and sprinkle with vinegar. Let stand a few minutes until vinegar is absorbed.

Dressing: Place mustard and garlic in small bowl. Gradually whisk in mayonnaise to blend, then buttermilk, salt and pepper. Stir in dill. Pour over potatoes and stir gently to mix.

ready to serve.

Tips:

- Scrub rather than peel potatoes. The skin adds fibre, colour and texture but also prevents the potatoes from getting too watery. For even cooking, pick similar sized potatoes.
- Leftover buttermilk? Measure amounts you would use in a recipe in airtight containers, leaving 1/2-inch (1 cm) headspace, label and freeze. When thawed, stir well and use in a baking recipe.
- Waxy or boiling potatoes: Long white, round red or round white with a thin skin, these potatoes are lower in starch and higher in moisture. They keep their shape, making them good for boiling, steaming, roasting, scalloped or gratin dishes.
- Floury or baking potatoes: Such as Russet or Idaho, have a long shape and thicker skin. High in starch and low in moisture, these are a good choice for baking or mashing.
- All-purpose potatoes: Such as the yellow-fleshed Yukon Gold have an even balance of starch and water, making it a good all-rounder.

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Liv's ex vies for Velvet Revolver

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which hands out the Golden Globe Awards said yesterday it has given grants of more than \$750,000 to several top film schools and nonprofit organizations. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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Entertainment

**Legend**

Springhill native Anne Murray will mentor contestants on Canadian Idol this Monday, and will also perform on the Tuesday episode of the reality series. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Girlicious over the drama

They're 'like sisters' now and hitting Halifax this weekend

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They were catty with each other on the Girlicious TV show, and made up near the end of the reality series, but is Nichole Cordova and Tiffanie Anderson's rift with Chrystina Sayers and Natalie Mejia really closed?

"We are like a family, like sisters," said Cordova, one of the four members of the all-female group put together by The Pussycat Dolls' Robin Antin after a TV search.

The group recently released its first few songs, and is the opening act for the Backstreet Boys when the all-guy group plays the Metro Centre Saturday as part of its Unbreakable tour.

Canada seems to be a natural choice for Girlicious to tour. The show had a following north of the border, where it aired on Much Music, and the album is being released here next month.

opening

• Girlicious opens for the Backstreet Boys this Saturday at the Halifax Metro Centre. Tickets are \$72 and are available by calling 451-1221 or online at ticketatlantic.com.

"The fans come up to you and are so nice," Cordova, 19, said about Canadians she has encountered. "When you are in L.A. everyone is doing their own thing. It was surprising at first having people come up to you, but I am definitely getting used to it."

Cordova has been dancing since she was seven and recording music since she was 14. She always imagined being in a situation like this, but the reality is something different, she said.

"I definitely felt like this was for me, and this is how it was going to pan out, but it is definitely surreal that this has happened," said Cordova. "I went to college for about two years, but through it all I was recording, like 50 demo songs before I was 17-years-old."

So, where'd she be if she hadn't made the show and the band?

"I'd probably be doing massage therapy," she said.



Chrystina Sayers, Nichole Cordova, Natalie Mejia and Tiffanie Anderson are Girlicious.

Wintersleep plays, despite stolen gear

MUSIC CBC Radio reported that Halifax-based Wintersleep had their gear stolen in Baton Rouge, La., earlier this month. The group excited its hotel room, a few hours before they were to fly to the Pemberton Festival, to find the shotgun door of its van open — and many of its instruments missing. They estimate about \$10,000 worth of equipment was stolen. The band played Pemberton with borrowed equipment.

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Perri plays at Marquee Club

MUSIC Polaris Prize long-list nominee Sandro Perri performs at The Marquee Club tonight along with local twin sister act The Ghost Bees. The concert starts at 10 p.m., and tickets are \$6. They are available at the door.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

In brief

POP MUSIC Applications to perform during the Halifax Pop Explosion this fall are due next week. Visit halifaxpopexplosion.com for more information.

METRO HALIFAX

Sowing monstrous seeds in Othello

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The play is full of intrigue and jealousy; themes that Elizabeth Murphy says are perfect for today's celebrity-centric and appearance-obsessed society.

"I love the text and I love what it deals with," said the director. "There are smacks of racism in it, but the play picks at the bug-bearer of my life, which is perception."

For the first time, Shakespeare by the Sea is producing Othello, The Bard's tragic tale of a general, his wife Desdemona, and the plotting Iago.

"People go on what they perceive to have happen

all the time," said Murphy. "And, quite often, it is totally wrong. But, because of the way our society works, no one wants to confront anything and find out what did happen."

Halifax-native Tory Adams — who last performed with the outdoor theatre company in 1990s — plays Othello, with local actor Jeremy Webb as Iago. "He knows that by sowing the smallest of seeds it can grow into a green eyed monster that can eat Othello up," Webb said about his manipulative character.

Murphy said putting together this production has been a collaborative effort, with the actors having input into the play and the

if you go

- What: Shakespeare by the Sea presents Othello
- Where: Point Pleasant Park
- When: Previews tonight. Various dates through August. Visit shakespearebythesea.ca
- Tickets: \$15 suggested. There is no blanket seating at these performances

way it is staged.

"The director's is a full length mirror for the actors. You look at what works and you try to guide them to things that are clear," she said. "You cast them because you believe they will bring something to this play that no one

else can."

She cast Webb because she knew this was a role he could really sink his teeth into. Adams came to mind as soon as she considered producing Othello.

"It's been eons since I was last year, and my family is here, so to be back, and playing this role, in this park, is like a gift," said Adams. He admits his first reaction to being asked was a questioning "Huh?"

"I had to give it some thought. It has been a while since I have done Shakespeare," Adams said.

Murphy remembers the conversation a little differently: "The first thing he said to me was, 'Can I play Iago?'"



Troy Adams, left, plays the title character of Othello, with Caitlin Stewart as Desdemona in Shakespeare by the Sea's newest production, Othello.

SARAH ROY/RETRO METRO HALIFAX

Actress Liv Tyler's estranged husband Royston Langdon is auditioning in Los Angeles to be Velvet Revolver's lead singer. The band's former front man, Scott Weiland, left the group in April. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Still got the Spirit: How West keeps winning

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada



In a shoebox, in a garage, somewhere in Vancouver — there might be a hit. Maybe a drinking anthem like Home For a Rest, maybe a singalong classic like And if Venice is Sinking.

John Mann and Geoffrey Kelly, the songwriting team and co-founders of Celtic/pop/rockers Spirit of the West, are always sharing ideas, recording stuff.

"We have a lot of songs on tape that have absolutely no lyrics, with one of us just scatting the melody lines. Just reams of these, mini discs everywhere," said Mann, who keeps some in a shoebox in his garage.

"At some point, we're going to have to go through them, because I know we have some really good ideas there. But we just keep moving on, and moving on."

For 25 years. To celebrate, the five-piece band is touring and has released

a double-CD retrospective: Spirituality 1983-2008: The Consummate Compendium. The 32 songs — including two new ones — were picked by the band.

"There's certain songs we couldn't leave out, like And if Venice is Sinking, Save This House and Home for a Rest," said Mann.

"But there are also songs on the album we hadn't been playing much, that we really loved and felt were good songs. They were more for ourselves, really, than for the fans."

Mann mentions Not Just a Train, recorded for the film My American Cousin, and the dark Pulling Lame: "There was a time when

we were playing more electric, heavier songs, and we wanted that to be reflected, too. Because that was always a fun way to get our Ya-Ya's out."

Not that Spirit of the West is known for keeping its Ya-Ya's in. The band has always been about the crammed club, the flowing drinks and the immediacy of the performance.

"When we're playing live, we definitely pour our hearts into it," said Mann.

"We're proud of what we do as a live band. We feel like we really put on a show and we work hard when we're out there. And we have fun — we're such great pals."

Still — a quarter of a century later, Mann and Kelly keep moving on.

"We get together at each other's house and make each other coffee, and see what we have," said Mann. "It's a rare time that we come up with nothing. We'll always come up with something."



Geoffrey Kelly, from left, Vince R. Ditrach, John Mann, Hugh McMillan and Tobin Frank are Spirit of the West. Kelly and Mann have been in the band from the beginning.

Go West

• To celebrate its 25th anniversary, Spirit of the West is touring and has released a two-CD retrospective. Spirituality 1983-2008: The Consummate Compendium contains 32 songs.



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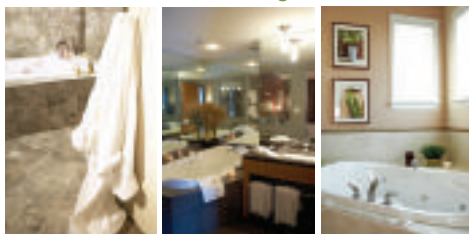
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Hindu leaders are happy Love Guru not getting love

MOVIES Hindu leaders have claimed victory in their campaign against Mike Myers' film The Love Guru after the movie failed to wow cinema audiences across America, imdb.com reports.

Religious leaders called the movie "morally offensive" to Hinduism and urged followers of the religion to boycott the picture.

The Love Guru debuted at No. 4 at the U.S. box office on its June release, taking just \$14 million US in its opening weekend.

The film has taken a gross total of just \$31 million in the U.S. in the five weeks since its June 20 release.

Leading U.S. Hindu scholar Rajan Zed is convinced the organized boycott has contributed to the movie's box office slump.

"The boycott call of Hindus against Hollywood movie The Love Guru for lampooning Hinduism has been very effective, contributing to its blunt failure at the box office," he said.

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Stone faces lawsuit over quake

Sharon Stone is facing a \$1-billion US lawsuit from the victims of China's recent earthquake after she controversially blamed the disaster on "karma," imdb.com reports.

The actress provoked outrage with her comments in May, linking the death of more than 67,000 victims of the natural disaster to China's treatment of Tibetans.

Stone apologized, but a

New York lawyer has rallied more than 1,000 survivors and victims' relatives to serve Stone with legal documents, demanding a further apology and threatening to sue.

Attorney Ming Hai says: "For the families who have lost their loved ones or lost limbs or suffered severe injuries, your ... statement and act has caused extreme emotional distress."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Greek star Foster charged in DUI case

LEGAL Actor Scott Michael Foster has been charged with two misdemeanours for driving under the influence following his arrest last week, imdb.com reports.

The star of Greek was

taken into police custody last Monday after cops noticed he was intoxicated during a routine traffic stop.

Foster due in court to face the charges on Aug. 11.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rogen row

Comedy star Seth Rogen was reportedly thrown out of a party for his own movie, Pineapple Express, after fellow revellers accused him of smoking marijuana. **IMDB.COM**



John Fogerty

CCR albums to be reissued

MUSIC The first six albums of California rock band Creedence Clearwater Revival are being reissued on September 30 with bonus tracks and new liner notes, Concord Music Group said this week.

The reissued albums, which have been digitally remastered and will be presented in DigiPaks, are: Creedence Clearwater Revival, Bayou Country, Green River, Willy & the Poor Boys, Cosmo's Factory and Pendulum, all originally released from 1968 to 1970.

The announcement comes about three years after Creedence singer/songwriter John Fogerty resigned as a solo artist with Concord's Fantasy Records label, for which Creedence recorded in the late '60s and early '70s.

REUTERS

brief

Hollywood takes back seat in Venice

MOVIES Big Hollywood studios will take a back seat at this year's Venice film festival, with the competition lineup highlighting independent U.S. cinema, Italian productions and Japanese animation movies.

Festival director Marco Mueller said the lighter Hollywood presence was partly due to disruptions caused by a 14-week writers' strike that ended in February, meaning the release of some films had to be postponed.

"Some of the films which would have normally been ready in time for Venice now won't be released until December or later," Mueller said. Last year, U.S. and British films dominated, with nearly half of the films in the main competition.

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IntelleVision



... will return

Nine Inch Nails

Album: The Slip
Label: The Null Corporation

Release date: July 22

Rating:

SO THIS IS what being liberated from record-label constraints

sounds like. And no matter the choice of format — free digital download (out since May 5), a CD with or without the limited-edition DVD set or even vinyl (due Aug. 5) — the end result will be the same: Trent Reznor capably channels his tortured soul through aggressive industrial power-pop or the occasional dark ambient instrumental trip. All accessible and ear pleasing to boot. Reznor calls this a "thank you" to his fans. Um, you're welcome. **Ian Nathanson**

Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis

Album: Two Men With The Blues

Label: Blue Note/EMI

Release date: July 8

Rating:

WILLIE'S BEEN DOING some strange stuff in recent years and not all of it has worked. I mean, did we re-

CD Reviews

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ally need a Willie Nelson reggae album? But this collaboration with jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis makes sense. Willie's been performing standards like Georgia On My Mind, Night Life and Stardust all his life. So has Wynton. Both are masters of phrasing and they lay it down easily on this relaxed live set. Wynton's performance shows respect, never interfering with Willie's understated vocals. There's some rough edges, but who cares? They're having way too much fun. **Graham Rockingham**

Lalah Hathaway

Album: Self Portrait

Label: Stax

Release date: July 29

Rating:

THIS IS THE kind of old-school R&B album a lot of A-list pop singers would like to make but fail miserably at. It requires more than overdone beats and superfluous note-bending.

Hathaway pours fiery soul onto cool jazz for an album that will play perfectly when you bring your date home for that good-night cocktail and slow-dance to the bedroom. Tasty stuff, produced with style and performed with restrained precision just like they used to in the '70s. Caution: Don't let it put you to sleep.

Graham Rockingham

Alice Cooper

Album: Along Came A Spider

Label: SPV/Fusion 3

Release date: July 29

Rating:

IT'S BEST TO ignore the silly serial killer theatrics on this album. Alice Cooper lost his ability to shock years ago. It now seems so ... routine. (What's truly scary is that Alice spends his down time golfing with Sen. John McCain.) Put all that aside and what you're left with is some superb, if formulaic, riff rock. Alice employs two great guitarists in his band — Keri Keli and Jason Hook — who are joined by Slash for some old school pyrotechnics on

the track Vengeance Is Mine. These new tracks will play well in concert.

Graham Rockingham

Primal Scream

Album: Beautiful Future

Label: Atlantic/Warner

Release date: July 22

Rating:

THERE'S A LOT you can say about Primal Scream — after all they've been around for 20 years — but restless probably describes this British band best. Over the years the group has tackled dance, psychedelia, '70s rock and now, straight-up pop music. Working with

Bjorn Yttling of Peter, Bjorn and John fame, the group has cre-



ated a number of catchy hooks, but there's not enough meat to sustain an entire album. Despite the wildly infectious title track, they end up sounding like every other U.K. pop act out there.

Bryan Borzykowski

CSNY

Album: Deja Vu Live

Label: Reprise/Warner

Release date: July 22

Rating:

LAST YEAR'S CSNY tour was a very good idea. Releasing a live CD from it wasn't. The tour was one of those 'You had to be there' experiences. On this record, much of Neil Young's earnest "impeach the president/stop the war" message sounds merely soporific. David Crosby and Graham Nash are in fine singing form, but Stephen Stills' voice on Wooden Ships is painful. If you want to hear what these four were capable of live get a hold of 1974's Four Way Street and take in the guitar jam on Carry On.

Graham Rockingham

Alice Cooper is back with a new album, *Along Came A Spider*.

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critics' corner

Intelligence (Klea Scott) attempts to sneak into Reardon's (Ian Tracey) criminal operation by placing an undercover agent in his strip club in this episode. Reardon is stuck with damage control — not because of the agent, but because of his brother (Bernie Coulson), who foolishly ordered the death of a snitch. 11 AM on SHOWCASE



The Girls of Summer Soccer isn't just a male sport. This new documentary follows Canadian teenage girls as they train to compete for a place at FIFA's U-17 (under 17) World Cup. You know they're serious if they're willing to be coached by a man whose nickname is "Death." In addition to the physical rigors of training, the filmmakers also document the emotional strain on the girls. 9 PM on CBC

Turning Pages: The Life and Literature of Margaret Atwood Perhaps best known for "The Handmaid's Tale," author Margaret Atwood is the subject of this new special. Viewers learn about Atwood, a very private person, through interviews with her husband, children and friends. Somewhat miraculously, Atwood also agreed to be interviewed for this documentary. 9 PM on BRAVO



Will Smith, left, is to revive his role in the futuristic action movie I Am Legend for a prequel. Director Francis Lawrence has confirmed he is working on a followup to the hit 2007 film. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Hudson and Armstrong call it quits

BREAKUP Kate Hudson and Lance Armstrong called it quits this weekend after a three-month romance, *us-magazine.com* reports.

"There was no drama or ugliness — They just decided to end things," a source close to the couple tells *Us*. "There is no hatred, just sadness."

The pair quickly became inseparable with sightings of them in Austin, Tex., New York and Los Angeles — though both dodged questions about their relationship.

In the short time they were together, the 29-year-old actress was seen with the 36-year-old cyclist at many of his races and events, including his three-day Lance Armstrong Live-strong Summit in Columbus, Ohio, this past weekend.

It was at the conference that Hudson and Armstrong decided to go their separate ways, a source tells *Us*.

Each had introduced the other to family. Hudson's mom Goldie Hawn gave what seemed to be her approval at a July 1 lunch at The Ivy at the Shore. Also, Hudson's four-year-old son Ryder went to a Father's Day brunch with Armstrong — and dad Chris Robinson — in June.

A rep for Armstrong had no comment while a rep for Hudson could not be reached.

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Doherty not over Moss

BREAKUP Pete Doherty is not over Kate Moss, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The Babyshambles singer claims he has not been in a relationship since splitting from the supermodel a year ago.

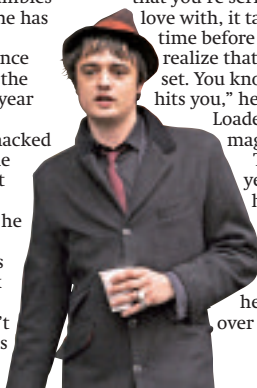
"I haven't shackled up with anyone since. I haven't shared my life with anyone," he said.

Doherty says his heartbreak has been so great, he hasn't spoken to Moss since they

went their separate ways. "When you split up with someone, someone that you're seriously in love with, it takes a lot of time before you even realize that you're upset. You know? It just hits you," he added to *Loaded* magazine.

The 29-year-old hopes he can use his songwriting to finally help him get over the split.

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celebrity brief Swift denies dating Jonas

RUMOUR They'd sure make a right pretty couple, but Taylor Swift says she's not dating fellow singer Joe Jonas of the Jonas Brothers, *People.com* reports. "We're all friends," she said.

Besides, the 18-year-old has other pressing teenage concerns — namely, graduating from high school.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Yes! Another stage in the Tour de Lance is complete, and our courageous cancer-eating cyclist still wears the yellow jersey. I'm definitely ordering my beige "DUMP-STRONG" bracelet. My old yellow bracelet has too many cig burns on it.

Janice Dickinson is 53 years old. In model years, that's 1,006. The pilot is said to be recovering comfortably.

Not to downplay the serious nature of alcoholism, but I must disagree with Ms. Nielson. In fact, she reached rock bottom 16 years ago when she married Marc Gastineau. The handful of New York Jets fans reading this who can remember the early '90s are nodding silently right now.

A Britney Spears reality show is a terrible idea. It means the next time she "forgets" to wear panties, there's bound to be far more sophisticated photographic evidence. Not a good thing, unless you're a trauma counselor.

Kudos to "Anisyer." A trial marriage is a great idea, because it makes the transition to the inevitable trial separation so much more seamless.

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Aniston's trial marriage

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer are planning a "trial marriage," *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The couple, who have been dating for three months, are said to be keen to test the strength of their relationship, and think Mayer moving into Aniston's house is the perfect first step.

"John wants to settle down as much as Jennifer does," a source said. "What's more, he's been telling her that he thinks she is the one and she believes him."

Mayer's move into Jennifer's Beverly Hills mansion is set to happen after his tour ends

in September.

The couple are also reportedly planning a family. The source added to Britain's *Grazia* magazine: "John is the first guy since Brad who has talked seriously about having children and Jennifer is very excited about it."

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Dickinson denies flashing pilot on NetJets flight

CONTROVERSY Janice Dickinson sure knows how to distract a pilot, *PageSix.com* reports.

The so-called original supermodel was on a recent private NetJets flight from Los Angeles to New York when she strolled into the cockpit and flashed the pilot, said a source.

She just went in and did a little shimmy and walked out," said the source. Dickinson tells us through her rep that she'd "admit it if I did it," but claims she didn't.

A NetJets rep declined to comment.

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Jamie Lynn headed to the altar

WEDDING Jamie Lynn Spears is marrying fiancé Casey Aldridge in the autumn, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The Zoey 101 actress, who recently gave birth to the couple's first child Maddie, is busy planning her nuptials and intends to get married at her home in Mississippi.

"She loves everything about the area where she lives," a friend of the 17-year-

old said. "She's not going to get married in some luxury resort in the Caribbean or a hotel in Beverley Hills. Her own back yard with just the people who matter most is more Jamie Lynn's style."

Big sister Britney is set to be Jamie Lynn's maid of honour, while Casey's sister Ashlee is expected to be a bridesmaid.

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celebrity brief Nielsen's drinking was out of control

RECOVERING Former actress Brigitte Nielsen was so hooked on alcohol she heard voices in her head telling her to drink more, *imdb.com* reports. Nielsen checked into rehab a year ago as her drinking spiralled out of control.

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celebrity brief Brit to film new reality TV series

PEOPLE Britney Spears is rumoured to be filming a new reality TV show, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The pop star has reportedly ordered her entourage to carry professional video cameras with them at all times to capture her antics on film.

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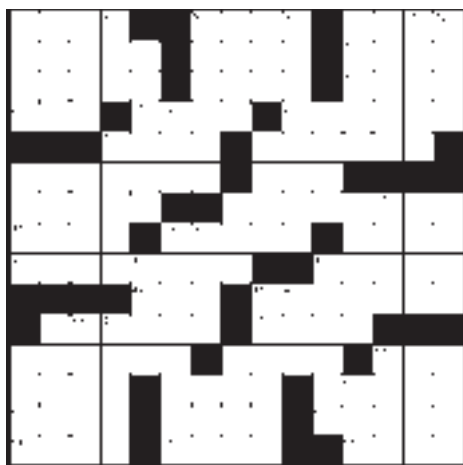
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A royal premiere

The next installment in the Harry Potter film franchise has been chosen to feature at this year's Royal Film Performance.

Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince will have its European premiere in November in front of a member of the U.K. royal family. IMDB.COM

Take Five**Crossword down**

- 1 Good fortune
- 2 Fjord city
- 3 Good, in Chile
- 4 Stop — — dime
- 5 Clothing
- 6 Noisy
- 7 Drop the ball
- 8 Manages
- 9 Lazy waters
- 10 Big occasion
- 11 Flooring pieces
- 12 Cobra cousins
- 14 Creaks
- 22 London's Old —
- 24 Beethoven's birthplace
- 25 Partner of Wells
- 26 Confide in
- 27 McEntire of C&W
- 28 Had bills
- 29 Vanna's boss
- 32 Dazzle
- 33 Lifeless
- 34 Polite chap
- 35 Diner special
- 36 Low card
- 38 Hips
- 39 Herr von Bismarck
- 42 "Wool" on clay sheep
- 43 Single-file
- 45 Hexes
- 46 Come out ahead
- 47 Lily variety
- 48 Torch's misdeed
- 49 Art class wear
- 51 Boxtop pieces
- 52 Action word
- 53 Water-ski locale
- 54 "Rag Mop" brothers
- 55 Hey, you!
- 58 Perfume label word
- 60 VII doubled

Crossword across

- 1 Timber wolf
- 5 He played Obi-Wan
- 9 Early VCR format
- 13 Imposing on
- 15 Bullring bull
- 16 "We try harder" folk
- 17 Jump over
- 18 Go sour
- 19 Pound sound
- 20 "— Tiki"
- 21 Classical poet
- 23 Steakhouse orders (hyph.)
- 25 Beautiful
- 26 Speckled fishes
- 27 Kind of novel
- 30 Many millennia
- 31 Still-life subjects
- 32 Dusk to dawn (hyph.)
- 37 Ice floe
- 38 Bays at the moon
- 40 Close by
- 41 Supporter
- 43 Uptight
- 44 Rough shelter
- 45 Dark
- 47 Slot site
- 50 Ice cream unit
- 51 Landing strip
- 52 Sell
- 53 Cozy seat
- 56 What is more
- 57 Scoundrel
- 59 Quizzes
- 61 Coalition
- 62 — Derr Biggers
- 63 Podium features
- 64 Went down
- 65 Pinch hitters
- 66 Goose-down garment

previous day's answer**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

A genius engages you in a discussion. Someone in crisis makes flippant remarks. Weird coincidences are due to drastic changes.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

A stagnant situation appears to be shifting. Simply paying attention to a problem will fix it. A mediator will make changes in policy.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

A man presents a bizarre challenge. You must employ self-imposed restrictions. Get what you need to proceed.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Someone's nerves are near the breaking point. Temporary barriers will dissolve. A sensual man makes advances toward a woman.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

An enemy wants to burn bridges. Arguments about self-indulgence will disgust you. Phone calls are more effective after lunch.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Remain calm if lousy luck hits. Something radically changes your opinion. Somebody is stuck repeating old patterns.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

An unapproachable guy wants attention. Love shakes your soul to its foundation. A stranger knocks on the door.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

Delete all secret information from your mind. Someone will compliment you. Tone down somebody's hostile approach.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Take care to explain yourself thoroughly. Clouds will show their silver linings. Don't get exasperated while traveling.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

A playmate wants you to take charge. Confusion may disrupt someone's carefully laid plans. A visitor isn't as bad as feared.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

People praise your ability to get along with others. Believe in yourself and you will make it. A special situation gets on your nerves.

PISCES**FEB 19-MAR 20**

Compliment a love-struck girl on her appearance. Insist on carrying out a revolting obligation. Construction will slow travelers.

Sudoku

				7		8		
2	5			1	3			
	1		4		2			
	9			2	6		1	
6								8
	4		5	7			9	
		5			9		3	
		9	1				5	7
	8		6					

This day in history

- JULY 30, 781: The oldest recorded eruption of Mt. Fuji (Traditional Japanese date: July 6, 781).
- JULY 31, 1741: Charles Albert of Bavaria invades Upper Austria and Bohemia
- JULY 31, 1790: First U.S. patent is issued; granted to inventor Samuel Hopkins for a potash process.
- JULY 31, 1951: Japan Airlines is established.
- JULY 31, 1976: Viking program: Viking 1 — NASA releases the famous Face on Mars photo.
- JULY 31, 1981: 42-day strike of Major League Baseball ends in the United States.

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	6	8	5	7	9	2	4	3
5	2	9	1	4	3	6	8	7
3	7	4	6	2	8	1	5	9
4	3	6	9	5	2	8	7	1
7	8	2	3	1	6	4	9	5
9	1	5	4	8	7	3	2	6
2	9	1	8	3	5	7	6	4
8	5	3	7	6	4	9	1	2
6	4	7	2	9	1	5	3	8

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
13-17: Scholar

17-21: Smart
21-25: Not bad

25+ Keep practising
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Ralph's Place
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STICKELERS
Below are four "Sticklers" puzzles. Can you find the correct word to be placed in the middle of each to create two new words, one front-end and one back-end? Here's an example of how it works:

stick _____ work
craft _____ door
wood _____ wall
stair _____ rail
there _____ done

Yesterday's Answer:
The answer is **ice**.
These are the corresponding puzzle numbers: 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-20, 21-24, 25-28, 29-32, 33-36, 37-40, 41-44, 45-48, 49-52, 53-56, 57-60, 61-64, 65-68, 69-72, 73-76, 77-80, 81-84, 85-88, 89-92, 93-96, 97-100.

Halifax weather**Afternoon**

Partly cloudy.
25°

Tonight

Showers.
16°

Friday

Showers.
24° / 18°

Saturday

Showers.
23° / 16°

The Weather Network
Sunday



Showers.
22° / 16°

Temperature Normals
High: 22.6°
Low: 14.1°

Records
High: 29.7°/2002
Low: 10°/1968

Sunrise: 5:59 a.m.
Sunset: 8:40 p.m.
Moonrise: 4:37 a.m.
Moonset: 8:25 p.m.

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**Bought the rights**

50 Cent has bought up the rights to his ex-girlfriend Shaniqua Tompkins' life story so she can never pen a book about her romance with the rapper. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



ABOVE: "We are family!" Lynn Abbott, clockwise from top left, Ada Adams, Terry Downey, Lauren Grant, and Brenda Carvery at the Westin Hotel for the Africville Reunion Gala Dinner and Dance.



ABOVE: "Girls night out" at Peddler's Pub. Emily Jarvis, clockwise from top left, Clarissa Rix, Elissa Caines, Lindsay Zwicker, Victoria Berrigan, and Kim Nguyen.



ABOVE: Stephanie Curran and Shannon Muir collect money for The Weekend To End Breast Cancer during the Molson Give-R at Peddler's Pub.



ABOVE: Susan Conway and Mark Smith take a stroll down Granville Street to the Molson Give-R.

h the humidity! It's what motivated me this week as I continued my quest to stay cool

and find the best drinks in town. With both kids away at summer camp this week, it was open season for The Scene, and the weekend started early with a visit to the Riverside Pub in Bedford. It's close to home and is a great spot to meet up with old friends for a quick bite. Entertainment-wise, they feature Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau on Saturday afternoons so I'll have to make a return trip to catch their show.

By Friday the humidity was oppressive, so it was time to head to the waterfront for some relief. Hard to believe it was the last Friday of the month, so it was Give-R time, thanks to Molson. This time around it was at Peddler's Pub, which was packed inside and out. The charity was The Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

Inside, the Pigdogs rugby team had taken up residence, with many bringing their families for a bite to eat. The Pigdogs have made the Give-R a part of their commitment to giving back to the community. The Lady Pigdogs team was also on hand. Both teams are always looking for new members, so if a little recreational rugby by action is something that could help you blow off some steam, go to their website at dartmouthpigdogs.ca.

The skies opened up just before the Give-R ended and we all headed inside to meet the newest radio team in metro. The Bounce (101.3 FM, formerly CJCH) has their lineup of personalities and they'll be hitting their airwaves tomorrow. I had the chance to meet morning show hosts Frankie Hollywood and Jordan Knight. Frankie had just arrived in town after an exhausting drive from British Columbia. Jordan just flew in from Winnipeg. Both

are looking forward to a summer of Maritime hospitality!

Speaking of hospitality, I snuck out of Peddler's early to catch the Africville Reunion Gala Dinner and Dance. The celebration took over the Westin, where R\$ \$mooth was spinning in between sets by Gary Steed and Friends. Young and old alike were remembering Africville and welcoming one and all to share in their special evening. I felt truly privileged to be there and share in the history. A highlight was meeting Colleen Howe-Boone, great-great granddaughter of one of Africville's three founding Brown brothers.

By Saturday it was time for a parade! It's hard to believe that 20 years ago the Gay Pride parade was little more than a protest! Flash forward to this past Saturday, where costumed revellers danced, sang and openly declared their sexual preference.

Well, no rest for the weary. Hope to see you on The Scene!

Jamie Patterson would love to make a deal to cover your event for The Scene. Just e-mail me at beatlejameieastlink.ca.

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RIGHT: Nancy Tobin and Wayne share a drink at the Riverside Pub in Bedford.



LEFT: Stephanie Faria and Courtney Wilson at the Molson Give-R at Peddler's Pub.



RIGHT: Roddy Johnson and Lacy Walsh at the Africville Reunion Gala.

RIGHT: Colleen Howe-Boone, front, pictured here with Martsha Hudson, R\$ \$mooth, and Karen Hudson.



ABOVE: Halifax's newest radio voices. Jordan Knight and Frankie Hollywood from the Bounce check out the Halifax scene ... and end up in The Scene.



LEFT: Dartmouth Pigdogs Girls Rugby players demonstrate the "scrum" at Peddler's Pub. Julie Snooks, from left, Michelle Pineau, and Barb MacDonald.